

to 7:30 PM. Abstracts previously presented at other national or international meetings will be accepted. Accepted abstracts will be printed in the syllabus. **The deadline for submission is September 21, 2012.** Abstracts must be submitted by E-mail to mavi@jamiebelkin.com. There is no limit to the number of abstracts a presenter can submit.

AATS Focus on Thoracic Surgery: Lung Cancer

November 16–17, 2012
Boston Marriott Copley Place
Boston, MA

Program Directors

Drs G. Alec Patterson and David J. Sugarbaker, along with Program Committee members, Drs Thomas D'Amico, Shaf Keshavjee, James D. Luketich, Bryan Meyers, and Scott J. Swanson have developed a robust two-day program filled with invited lectures, case based presentations, videos, and panel discussions on the following topics:

- CT screening
- Staging
- Navigational Bronchoscopy
- EBUS/EUS
- Video Mediastinoscopy
- VAMLA-TEMLA
- VATS, Robotic and Open Resection
- Lobectomy, Segmentectomy-Wedge and Pneumonectomy
- RFA
- SBRT
- Brachytherapy
- Role of induction Rx and Resection
- Extended Resection
- Guidelines, Efficiency of Care and Database

The complete program can be viewed online at <http://aats.org/LungCancer/program.cgi>. Housing and registration will be available soon.

Target Audience

Thoracic Surgeons, Pulmonologists, Radiologists, Thoracic Oncologists, Primary Care Physicians, Residents/Fellows, Physician Assistants, and Allied Health Professionals.

Lung cancer is the second most common malignancy in the Western world and the most common cause of cancer-related death. Recent innovations in diagnosis, staging, and management of early stage and locally advanced non-small cell lung cancer have changed the paradigm for surgical management of lung cancer patients. A virtual explosion of technological development has enabled widespread use of minimally invasive approaches that current and future thoracic surgeons must embrace to improve the care of patients with lung cancer. The AATS has chosen to highlight these recent developments in its inaugural "Focus on Thoracic Surgery." The faculty for this program is internationally recognized experts in lung cancer and application of new technology for its surgical management.

Educational Objectives

- Analyze the current role of endoscopic strategies for lung cancer diagnosis and staging
- Learn the advantages and limitations of limited resection for early stage lung cancer
- Appreciate the role of surgical resection in patients with locally advanced and nodal metastatic disease
- Identify the various approaches to minimally invasive pulmonary resection
- Understand the technical challenges and results of extended pulmonary resection
- Learn the current role of stereotactic body radiotherapy (SBRT) in the management of early stage non-small cell lung cancer

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. This live activity has been approved for **AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**.

The Western Thoracic Surgical Association

Applications for Membership

The WTSA Application for Membership is now online and must be submitted electronically. A candidate's application must include the following uploads: a photo, a complete curriculum vitae with bibliography, and the 3 most significant

articles that s/he personally wrote. The candidate's electronic membership application must be completed and submitted online by March 1, 2013, and all support letters uploaded by that candidate's sponsors by March 31, 2013, in order for the candidate to be considered for election to membership at the 2013 Annual Meeting. Visit the WTSA Web site at www.westernthoracic.org to read membership eligibility requirements and to initiate an online application.